

CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of August 15 - August 21, 2005

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Continued cool weather with showers.

Small grain harvest continues ahead of average pace.

Row crop conditions mostly good.

Daytime highs were mostly in the 80's to low 90's, while night time temperatures were mostly in the upper 30's to upper 40's. Temperatures were much cooler than the previous week. Most areas received good precipitation last week.

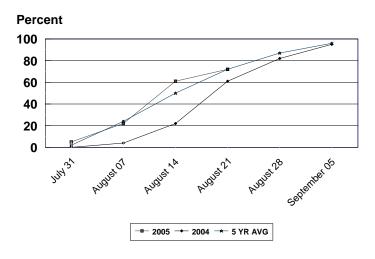
As of August 21, 43 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture, 2 points above last week. Supplies were well ahead of the 5-year average of 14 percent. Subsoil moisture was adequate in 35 percent of the state, 14 points above of last year and 22 points above average. Stock water supplies were adequate in 67 percent of the State, 37 points better than last year and the 5-year average.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

		TOPS	SUBSOIL						
	This Week	Last Week	Last Last Week Year			Last Year	5-Yr Avq		
	Percent								
Very									
Short	13	13	32	46	20	36	44		
Short	44	46	39	40	45	43	43		
Adeq	43	41	29	14	35	21	13		
Surp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

ITEM	This Week		Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Turn Color	97	94	98	98
Barley Mature	85	81	89	91
Barley Harvested	72	60	61	67
Oats Turn Color	92	87	86	92
Oats Mature	75	66	65	74
Oats Harvested	63	46	53	54
Spring Wheat Mature	98	92	71	84
Spring Wheat Harvested	88 E	68	64	63
Winter Wheat Planted	7	-	2	6
Corn Tassled	99	90	97	98
Corn Silked	95	77	90	92
Corn In Milk	72	61	61	72
Corn Dough	43	21	15	37
Corn Dent	5	-	0	3
Corn Silage	0	-	1	4
Dry Beans Set Pod	96	87	82	86
Dry Beans Turn Color	18	6	22	40
Alfalfa Second Cut	62	49	58	71
Alfalfa Third Cut	1	1	2	6
Other Hay Harvested	87	80	81	89

Corn Milk



FIELD CROP REPORT: With precipitation across most of the State, an average of 5.9 days were suitable for field work. Eighty-five percent of the barley had matured, behind last year by 4 points. Barley harvest was 72 percent complete, continuing ahead of last year and average. The condition of oats improved slightly during the last week. Oats were mature in 75 percent of the State, 10 points ahead of last year and 1 point ahead of the average. Oat harvest was 63 percent complete, ahead of last year by 10 points and ahead of the average by 9 points. Spring wheat was 98 percent mature, 14 points higher than the average. Spring wheat harvest was 83 percent complete, 19 points ahead of last year and 20 points ahead of the average. Winter wheat planting began and was 7 percent complete.

Sugarbeets remained in mostly good condition, with 85 percent rated good or excellent. Corn condition continued to improve with 17 percent rated excellent and 66 percent good. Corn had reached milk stage in 72 percent of the crop, ahead of last year by 11 points and even with the average. Forty-three percent of the corn had reached the dough stage, 28 points ahead of last year and 6 points ahead of average. Dry bean leaves turned color in 18 percent of the crop, well behind last year and average. The second cutting of alfalfa was nearly two-thirds complete, ahead of last year by 4 points but 9 points behind the average. All other hay cutting was at 87 percent complete, near average pace.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR		POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL				
	Percent									
Oats		0	1	36	62	1				
Corn		0	0	17	66	17				
Sugarbeets		0	0	15	80	5				
Dry Beans		0	0	12	88	0				

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Showers around the State kept range and pasture conditions steady. At week's end, 51 percent was good to excellent, 38 points ahead of last year and 41 points ahead of average.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This	Last	Last	5-Yr
	Week	Week	Year	Avg
		Perc	ent	
Very Poor	4	4	36	31
Poor	12	11	29	29
Fair	33	34	22	30
Good	45	46	9	9
Excellent	6	5	4	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, August 19th, temperatures were mostly below normal ranging from 7.1 degrees below normal in Casper to 0.7 degrees above normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 93 in Deaver and the low was 31 in Jackson. Precipitation was above normal except in the Southeast and South Central. Newcastle reported the most precipitation with 2.65 inches, followed by Afton with 1.22 inches and Jackson with 1.08 inches.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 19, 2005

	TEMPERATURE :					PRECIPITATION			
	: : :		: : : :			CUMULATIVE 1/			
STATION	: : : :	:	DEP. : FROM :	AMT. : PAST :	DEP. : FROM :	1/05:	NORM : THRU : CURR : WEEK :	FROM	
SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Jackson	82	31	-3.2	1.08	0.77	9.83	11.16	-1.33	
Afton	83	36	-2.7	1.22	0.92	13.86	11.80	2.06	
GREEN & BEAR DRA	INAGE								
Uinta County AP	84	45	0.7	0.19	-0.02	7.59	7.23	0.37	
Big Piney AP	83	38	-0.6	0.47	0.28	8.32	4.99	3.33	
Rock Springs AP	86	43	-3.6	0.84	0.71	6.27	6.24	0.03	
BIG HORN DRAINAG									
Cody	85	44	-5.4	0.40	0.19	9.10	7.73	1.37	
Deaver	93	38	-2.1	0.39	0.26	6.53	4.13	2.40	
Greybull AP	90	46	-4.1	0.37	0.27	5.09	5.25	-0.16	
Powell Field St	89	39	-6.3	0.21	0.09	7.60	5.45	2.15	
Worland FAA AP	88	44	-6.4	0.09	-0.03	5.43	5.58	-0.15	
POWDER, LITTLE M				0 20	0 10	10 70	0 75	0 05	
Kaycee	86	43	-3.1	0.32	0.13	10.70	9.75	0.95	
Sheridan WSO AP BELLE FOURCHE DR	88 3 TN3 CE	43	-5.4	0.12	-0.06	13.49	10.22	3.27	
Dillinger	AINAGE 86	38	-6.6	0.55	0.29	13.89	10.87	3.02	
Sundance	88	45	-6.4	0.55	0.29	9.22	13.73	-4.51	
CHEYENNE & NIOBR			-0.4	0.90	0.55	9.22	13.73	-4.51	
Newcastle	86	4 7	-6.0	2.65	2.25	14.20	11.72	2.48	
Redbird	87	50	-4.7	0.81	0.49	12.89	11.62	1.27	
LOWER PLATTE DRA		50	1.,	0.01	0.15	12.05	11.02	1.27	
Archer	86	42	-6.1	0.52	0.09	13.46	12.54	0.92	
Casper AP	84	42	-7.1	0.14	-0.04	8.25	9.22	-0.97	
Cheyenne AP	84	47	-2.8	0.19	-0.19	10.23	11.75	-1.52	
Chuqwater	83	46	-5.2	0.20	-0.15	12.15	11.73	0.42	
Douglas AP	83	43	-4.5	0.08	-0.14	7.25	9.48	-2.23	
Torrington AP	86	49	-3.9	0.35	0.08	12.22	10.36	1.86	
Wheatland 4 N	87	48	-6.4	0.35	0.07	11.66	9.80	1.86	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	85	46	-6.7	0.21	0.08	8.70	9.16	-0.46	
Riverton AP	84	45	-5.2	0.09	-0.01	5.21	6.07	-0.86	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	80	39	-2.6	0.26	-0.01	7.61	8.16	-0.55	
Rawlins AP	82	43	-4.6	0.10	-0.08	6.39	6.65	-0.26	
Saratoga	82	39	-2.1	0.00	-0.21	6.89	6.96	-0.07	

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.

1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.